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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

No comment.

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## #2

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

Educations would be a good thing but elk actually transmitting the disease to cattle is very minimal. I have never heard of it happening.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

How about keeping the cattle away from my elk.. Ranchers pay a measly fund to feed their cattle on public land that is there for the wildlife. Everywhere in Southwest Montana has cattle on our lands throughout the hunting season, even though they are past the time they're supposed to be removed. I've been told they don't eat the same thing, if so, why are the ranchers complaining about elk starving their cattle by eating all their food?

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

Why should hunters and wildlife management be in charge of a domestic problem that originated in domestic animals?

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

I understand the importance of this issue and would support the new liaison position including this education effort in their duties.

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

How big of a problem is this. No where is there statistics to prove that Brucellosis is being transmitted to cattle and at what rate. This appears to try and solve a problem that does not exist. Pure political and I am apposed to this recommendation.

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

As a Montana resident hunter I support the recommendation to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk. I feel like this is already happening but we should always encourage more research.

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

Dear FWP and the Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group -

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your 'Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk' proposal.

The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers fully supports any effort to better inform the public of FWP's ongoing efforts to mitigate the disease of brucellosis in elk. In our view, FWP has been doing a great job of tackling this issue, but given the recommendation here, it is apparent that the citizens of Montana are not as informed about FWP's work in this area. We believe that this could easily be rectified through some of the other proposals presented. Specifically, FWP could implement more communication about their efforts with the mobile app and increased hunter education could also help hunters understand the disease.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your 'Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk' proposal. We appreciate your careful consideration.

-The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

Just another way to reduce the amount of elk we have in our state. Not justified

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

I do support this recommendation!

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

Oppose.

Please stop adding work and costs to the MT FWP.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

Sounds positive.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

Montana's brucellosis management system has worked passably well, but like all programs, needs to be updated. We encourage all parties to work together to ensure better outcomes for livestock producers dealing with the impacts of the virus, as well as ensuring healthy outcomes for elk. We support this recommendation.

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

Whatever strategy that keeps cattle and elk separate from January through elk calving helps alot. I have personal experience with cattle and Brucellosis. Late season hunts to push elk away from cattle would be very wise.

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

I think getting not only hunters but anyone who recreates outdoors and may come across elk and bison to understand and recognize brucellosis and steps they can take as citizens to help mitigate the disease (such as reporting) is something everyone can get behind. Not only do we not want the disease spreading among cattle but we want to also keep elk and bison healthy so I think we all have something at stake here. If there is any way citizens can contribute then getting them educated is the first step.

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**Q1** **Respondent skipped this question**

Contact info (optional)

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**Q2**  
Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

I agree with the education of what brucellosis is and how it affects landowners. Perhaps education on this topic could be implemented in hunters education or the continued hunters education idea (if that goes through). How much does hazing of elk cost and where does the money to pay for it come from? I would not be comfortable with the funds coming from sportsmens funding. I agree with looking at different solutions to combat the disease. I agree with local working groups, however I dont think nontraditional landowners will care about their impacts on their neighbors. Im sure they like seeing the wildlife.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's (RMEF) mission is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife, their habitat and our hunting heritage. We represent more than 225,000 members nationwide and over 14,000 members in Montana. Since its inception in 1984, RMEF has permanently conserved or enhanced more than 8.5 million acres of North America's most vital habitat for elk and other wildlife, including over 900,000 acres in Montana. As such, RMEF has a vested interest in ensuring the sustained productivity of elk and other wildlife in Montana.

RMEF recognizes the important role of private landowners in elk management along with the risk that some landowners face with disease transmission between elk and livestock. RMEF supports existing and new approaches for outreach and risk management of brucellosis.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

MWF supports as written.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

Managing brucellosis is an action of great importance to the Montana cattle industry and the Montana Stockgrowers Association. The prevalence of brucellosis infected elk continues to significantly increase. Elk migrate to livestock feeding, calving and grazing areas for a variety of reasons, therefore increasing the risk of brucellosis from bison and elk to cattle. Bovine brucellosis has significant animal health, public health, and international trade consequences. Currently, there are over 100,000 cattle in the Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) and over 100,000 brucellosis tests were conducted on cattle during FY22. The financial burden on livestock producers as well as the state's DSA budget is significant. Our organizations support all efforts to eliminate the threat of brucellosis transmission to cattle. It is imperative Montana keeps its brucellosis-free certification. We recommend including the Montana Department of Livestock as a key organization in these discussions as they are a large part of the state's DSA strategy.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

American Prairie supports this proposal, but acknowledge that FWP is already implementing many of the components of this recommendation through the annual work plan for management of elk in areas with brucellosis. We would also note that this recommendation is only relevant to elk management in a very small part of Montana and its occupied elk habitat.

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

I would say more outreach needs to be done to inform the public...about how brucellosis got to Montana, why we slaughter bison because they might be infected, and why elk are infected and found all over private land. Probably need more outreach.

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for to Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk.

Department has been doing a great job as far as one can see, but would like to see more information  
Would like to see a local roster in areas that have sick herds traveling through working ranches, on a 24 hour notice  
Or a roster of hunters that would purchase the meat if harvested by FWP

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